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### Addendum #2 to Request for Statement of Qualifications for As-Needed Vegetation Management Services RFSQ #AGR01023

The Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures hereby issues Addendum Two to the As-Needed Vegetation Management Services RFSQ #AGR01023 released on April 1, 2014.

As indicated in the RFSQ, Section 1.7, County Rights and Responsibilities, the County may amend the RFSQ by written addendum. This addendum contains the questions and answers received after the RFSQ release up until April 17, 2014.

Thank you for your interest in our Request for Statement of Qualifications for As-Needed Vegetation Management Services. As a reminder, the initial deadline for submitting a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) is 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2014. Submissions should be delivered to: 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, CA, 91006. However, the County will continuously accept SOQs throughout the duration of the Master Agreement.

Very truly yours,

KURT E. FLOREN, COMMISSIONER/DIRECTOR

Raymond B. Smith, Deputy Director

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#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### Q: Is the RFSQ set aside for small businesses or is this non-restricted?

A: This RFSQ is not restricted to small or local businesses. Any company that meets the minimum requirements may submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for one or all of the three Service Categories.

## Q: What licenses and/or certifications are required of bidders under this contract?

A: The type of specialized licenses or certificates depends on which of the three service categories your company is attempting to qualify for. The following is a summary for each.

- <u>Service Category 1</u> (General Vegetation Trimming, Abatement and Removal) No specialized licenses or certificates are required
- <u>Service Category 2</u> (General Vegetation and Light Tree Trimming, Abatement and Removal) For this Service Category, your company will need a California Department of Consumer Affairs, Contractors State License Board, D49 License (Tree Service Contractor) and at least two of its employees must be Certified Tree Workers by the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arborculture.
- <u>Service Category 3</u> (General Vegetation and Large Tree Trimming, Abatement and Removal) For this Service Category, your company will need a Contractors State License Board, D49 License (Tree Service Contractor). At least one person employed by the company must be a Certified Arborist by the International Society of Arborculture and at least three employees must be Certified Tree Workers by the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arborculture.

In response to our RFSQ (Request For Statement of Qualifications), your company's response will be its SOQ (Statement of Qualifications). The SOQ has three Sections which are:

- <u>Section A</u>-(Required Forms). All of these forms are provided in Appendix B. You just fill them out and send them in with the other Sections.
- <u>Section B</u>-(Proof of Insurability). This is where you send proof of the required insurance or verify that you are capable of obtaining it.
- <u>Section C</u>-(Proof of Certifications/Licenses). This is where you send in copies of your employees' Certified Arborist and Certified Tree Worker Licenses.

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Q: I see, also, references for proof of Certifications on page 21-22, and Proof of Certifications/licenses on page 25. These references cite Sections C& D, however, I do not find Sections C & D in the SOQ. Can you either point me in the right direction or send me a list Certifications/Licenses that will be required under this contract?

A: Section 2.6.3 on page 22 of the RFSQ has a typo listing a Section D. It actually should be Section C. Addendum #1 (which see) was issued on April 9 to correct the typo.